

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Barron, Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley (Chairman), Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williamson.

Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 2 members of the public attended.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Fairs

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Williamson said that she had spoken to the school and they had agreed to mention the recent vandalism to the children.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

(i). A parishioner referred to the bus service consultation and asked if the parish council had received a reply from Essex County Council (ECC) regarding the request for an extension to the consultation period. He also said that he had spoken to ECC and they have not told him what is to happen following the consultation.

Cllr Beesley said that ECC have said that they will not extend the consultation, and that they will not be able to attend any meeting in the parish to which they were invited.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that amendments have been made to the proposed service recently and should be on the ECC web site. The clerk was asked by members to investigate this.

## 5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the footpath at Pattocks Lane has been upgraded to a restricted byway. He is concerned with the cost of this and is awaiting details. He was asked a question regarding Health and Safety issues at Colchester Bus Station, and he said that he would refer this to the appropriate officer at Colchester Borough Council (CBC).

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following cheques were approved for payment:-

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101515	Cheque destroyed	
101516	D Williams-clerk salary £458.33 less PAYE £91.60	£ 366.73
101517	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 91.60
101518	Anglian Water – water charge for allotments	£ 44.50
101519	I Dyer – grasscutting – OPF & HFRG for September	£ 79.20      £ 13.20

(b) The following credits were reported:-

Colchester Borough Council - £ 1,831.75 – grant towards ground works at HFRG

Colchester Borough Council - £ 596 – Second half precept and grant

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £22,494.45, Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

### Appeals

151397 Forrester's Farm, Lamberts Lane - Prior approval for change of use from Agricultural building to dwellinghouse – appeal against refusal of planning permission – no alteration to the original no comment.

### Orders Made

Essex County Council Definitive Map Modification No 602 – Restricted Byways 29 Chappel and 65 Great Tey (Pattocks Lane, Colchester Borough) Order 2015.

Essex County Council Definitive Map Modification No 603 – (Footpath 16 Great Tey, Colchester Borough) Order 2015.

## 8. ELECTION OF SUB COMMITTEES

The sub committees were reviewed and it was agreed that the following sub committees be elected:-

Planning	- full council	Footpaths	-	Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt
Finance	- full council	Village Hall	-	Cllr Williamson, Cllr Hamer
Highways	- Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt	Web Site	-	Cllr Beesley, Cllr Fairs
Housing	- Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Barron	Transport	-	Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Hunt
Recreation	- Cllr Williamson, Cllr Fairs, Cllr Barron	Youth Activity Club	-	Cllr Beesley, Cllr Hamer

**9. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Beesley said that the parish council are waiting for ECC Highways’ response to Cllr Anne Brown who is writing on our behalf regarding the lack of any repairs to the road through the village from A120 to A1124. Earls Colne Parish Council are seeking a repair by ECC Highways to the severe potholes on Tey Road.

**10. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Beesley said that Mr Alec Brooks has kindly prepared maps of the Village Hall and car park to denote the boundaries. These are required for the merger of the village hall charities and the new constitution, and also for the registration of the village hall with the Land Registry. The parish council agreed with these boundaries apart from the boundary with Chappel Road. The clerk was instructed to ask ECC Highways for the extent of the maintainable highway, sending a map showing the triangle of land between the village hall and the footpath. The solicitor acting is to be informed of this.

Cllr Beesley said that the village hall manager had asked if the room used by the doctors and the post office could be hired to parishioners. As no items of value are stored there this was agreed.

**11. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Barron said that the parish council should now consider the future use of the tennis court area and whether the tennis court surface should be removed. She suggested that outdoor gym equipment could be installed, and 5 items would cost approximately £14,400, with the surface costing £4,480. Grant funding could be applied for this, and details of the Community Green Space Fund have been circulated. It was agreed that the clerk applies for a grant of £12,000 by the closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> November and Cllr Barron will forward quotations for this. It was also agreed that an article is placed in Round and About for December seeking parishioners’ views concerning this or any other suggestions, and the wording for the article was agreed.

Members said that they would wait for Cllr Fairs’ report once he has met with the handyman to discuss his quotation to repair the bridge and timber walkway.

Cllr Hunt said that 4 or 5 posts around the play area need replacing. He said that he will mark them and then advise the clerk so that the handyman can be asked to quote for their replacement.

Cllr Beesley said that two quotations to reduce the trees and hedging to 12 feet, and also to coppice to ground level, at the rear of the properties which borders with the recreation ground from the entrance to the recreation ground to Farmfield Road have been received. These were discussed and in principle it has been agreed to coppice these trees and hedging. An article is to be placed in Round and About for December advising that this will be done in early 2016, and the hedge when grown again to be maintained at 6 feet high. Final arrangements for this are to be made, and a draft article will be circulated to councillors for approval.

**12. OLD PLAYING FIELD**

Members discussed the access to the Old Playing Field down The Chase and that it should be kept clear with the gate locked when not in use, and that no items should be stored on the Old Playing Field. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

An invitation for Visions for Growth conference regarding development in North East Essex has been received, and three parish councillors are to attend.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.43 pm.

Chairperson..... Date.....